GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:393
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2014
HELICOPTER CRASHES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of Defence Personnel have lost their life in crashes of the Cheetah and Chetak helicopters;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the number of personnel died in such crashes;

(c) whether the Government proposes to phase out these old and outdated helicopters; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) to (d):A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.393 FOR ANSWER ON 19.12.2014

(a) & (b): 11 defence personnel have lost their lives in crashes of Cheetah and Chetak helicopters since 2011, as per the following:-

	Number of defence personnel killed		
Year	Army	Air Force	Navy
2011	2	NIL	NIL
2012	1	NIL	3
2013	NIL	NIL	2
2014 (till November 2014)	3	NIL	NIL
Total:	6	NIL	5

(c) & (d): In pursuance to the decision taken by Defence Acquisition Council in its meeting held on 29.08.2014, the Request For Information (RFI) has been issued on 26.09.2014 for Reconnaissance and Surveillance Helicopters (RSH), Light Utility Helicopters (LUH) and Naval Utility Helicopters (NUH). These helicopters are proposed to replace Cheetah and Chetak Helicopters.